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## LOW MOISTURE, REDUCED FAT, LIPID-BASED FILLINGS

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### ABSTRACT

Reduced-fat, low-moisture lipid-based fillings. The lipid-based fillings can be used in a variety of food products. The low moisture, reduced fat, lipid-based filling comprises at least about 20% non-digestible lipid and other suitable optional ingredients. The filling has a water activity of less than about 0.6 and has at least about 20% less digestible fat than a comparable full-fat lipid-based filling. In one embodiment, the filling is a cheese filling. The low moisture, reduced fat, lipid-based cheese filling comprises: (a) from about 20% to about 60% non-digestible lipid; (b) from about 20% to about 75% dehydrated cheese powder; and (c) from about 0% to about 55% bulking agent. The fillings can be used with any suitable substrate to form a food product.